

Question 1—Kindly inform this House if there is a rule at the present time in the office of the Registrar of Conveyances directing the Registrar not to record any documents in his office when the agent or notary public taking the acknowledgment has not noted changes or erasures in the same.

Answer—Yes. The letter creating the rule is as follows:

Department of Interior,
Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 6, 1895.
Thomas G. Thrum, Esq., Registrar of Conveyances—Sir: You are hereby instructed that no instrument offered for registry in the office of the Registrar of Conveyances, containing erasures or interlineations should be received for registry without a certificate from an officer taking the acknowledgment that such answers or interlineations were made before the execution of such instrument; and also that any such instrument should therefore be registered as so amended.

(Signed by the Minister of the Interior.)

Question 2—If there is such a rule does it include documents acknowledged before the rule was established?

Answer—The rule does not exclude documents acknowledged before the rule was put in force. It is, however, my opinion that such documents should be excepted from the action of the rule.

Question 3—If such rule covers all documents acknowledged before the establishing of said rule, does it not interfere with Article 71 of the Constitution of the Republic of Hawaii?

Answer—Probably not.

Answers accepted and laid on the table for future consideration.

Rep. Bond reported for the Committee on Public Health and Education, to whom were referred certain items under the head of Bureau of Public Instruction, in Senate Bill No. 8, as follows:

"The item of \$3,000 for Industrial and Reform School we find is wanted for current expenses, including food, clothing, bedding and necessary repairs."

"The \$2,000 for sewing materials and manual training we find to be an increase of \$1,000 over what was appropriated for the last biennial period, but is for use in giving instruction in handicraft of great practical value, which the Board are desirous of extending."

"One thousand dollars for expenses of teachers' convention is a new item for purposes which will be readily understood and needs no comment."

"Book Fund, \$7,000. The appearance of this item in the Appropriation bill is liable to convey a false impression without some explanation."

"The sum is required for the purchase of supplies of text books which are largely sold to pupils for cash, and the proceeds turned into the treasury as a Government realization, to be again reappropriated for the same purpose."

"It appears from the report of the Board that an Act to provide for a more satisfactory arrangement with regard to this matter will be drafted for presentation to the Legislature."

"The \$1,200 for expenses of census we find to be the same amount as was appropriated for the census of 1890."

"The Board asked for \$1,500, and in view of the increase in population since the last census, and the greater detail of information that they are desirous of securing in the next census, we believe the sum they ask should be granted."

"The sum of \$5,000 for stationary and incidentals is made up as follows:

Births, marriages and deaths.....	\$ 400
Clocks.....	450
Forward.....	\$ 850
Freight and cartage.....	1,000
Pens and ink.....	850
Paper, envelopes and pencils.....	900
Postage stamps.....	350
Printing.....	1,000
Telephone.....	192
Water rates.....	68
Rents for premises used for school purposes, play ground, Hilo Union School, per year \$54.....	188
Church at Kahalepua, used as school house, per year \$25.....	50
Marquesville, Honolulu, school house and grounds, per year \$133.....	266
Crayons and slate pencils.....	800
Total.....	\$6,494

Which is close to the amount asked for.

"Repairing school houses, \$10,000."

"We find that after making a careful detailed estimate of the amount required for the purpose above named, the Board asked for \$15,000."

"Your committee do not favor the poor policy of allowing valuable property to go to destruction for want of proper care and protection from the weather, nor do they think that requests based on such careful estimates as are made by so reliable a body as the Board of Education should be summarily reduced to so great an extent as is indicated by the foregoing figures."

"The total number of schoolhouses and cottages now owned by the Government and under the control of the Board of Education is 221, exclusive of minor outbuildings."

"Your committee recommend that the items pass as follows:

Industrial and Reform School.....	\$ 3,000
Sewing materials and manual training.....	2,000
Expenses teachers' convention.....	1,000
Book Fund.....	7,000
Expenses of census.....	15,000
Stationary and incidentals for office and schools.....	6,500
Repairing schoolhouses.....	12,000
Total.....	\$46,500

"But in closing this report we would again call attention to the fact that the greater portion of the \$7,000 book fund will be returned to the treasury as cash."

Report laid on the table to be considered with the bill.

Rep. Kaseo reported for the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House Bill No. 15, as follows:

"The time for changing the terms of the Second Circuit to the District of

Wailuku, Maui, from that of Lahaina, as now provided by statute, is not at this present moment a sound move, but your committee believes that in the future Wailuku will become the business center of the Island of Maui; it will then be the time to amend the law on the subject. Your committee therefore recommends that the bill be indefinitely postponed."

Report laid on the table, to be considered with the bill.

Rep. Richards reported that Senate Bill No. 6, relating to improvement of streets in Hilo, had been handed to the President for consideration.

Rep. Kamaooha, for the select committee to whom had been referred the petition from the Portuguese and other matters relating to labor, asked that their time be extended until the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall obtain copies of the treaties and labor convention between Japan and Hawaii. The request was granted.

Rep. Hanuma introduced his bill amending Act 21 of the Laws of the Provisional Government relating to gambling, in which a new section, to be called Section 9a, was inserted. Referred to the Printing Committee.

Rep. Bond introduced his resolution looking toward the restriction of Sunday target shooting. Referred to the Printing Committee.

Rep. Bond introduced "An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to mitigate the evils and diseases arising from prostitution." Referred to the Printing Committee.

House adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

Thirty-fifth Day.

WEDNESDAY, April 1st.

Senator Brown reported for the Judiciary Committee, submitting an amendment to Section 55 of the License Act, bearing upon fees of foreign commercial travelers. The amendment proposed fixes the fee at \$500 for the island of Oahu and \$350 for all the other islands of the group. Report adopted.

Senator Baldwin reported for the Committee on Commerce, to whom had been referred Senate Bill No. 11, bearing on Chinese immigration. According to the bill the limit of Chinese to be imported is 10,000. The report recommended striking out the limit and leaving the same to be decided on by the Executive Council. Tabled for consideration.

Senator Baldwin—This scale of rates was fixed by the Ways and Means Committee, who finally settled on this instead of the percentage system. It is a matter of difficulty to calculate all sales.

The License Act was resumed under the head of unfinished business.

Senator Brown presented an amendment to Section 78, relating to lodging houses. The amendment limits private families to taking in more than four boarders.

There was considerable objection to this amendment, but the item passed with Senator Brown's wish intact.

Senator McCandless introduced a substitute section for the one relating to merchandise licenses. This fixes the fee at \$50 on sales up to \$20,000, and 1 per cent. of all gross sales above that figure. The number of merchandise licenses issued last year amounted to 801, and the total received was \$54,075. The substitute section would yield quite a large excess over the amount taken in previously.

Minister Damon—How are you going to get the exact amount of sales? The conditions compel the Government to be a little arbitrary in imposing certain charges. This is not a homogeneous country to a certain extent. You have to take things as they are.

Senator Brown—We had better pass the section as in the bill. The matter has been gone over very carefully.

Senator McCandless was very much in favor of putting the matter on a percentage basis.

Senator Brown—It is the same thing under one system as the other. The statements have to be made under oath.

Senator Baldwin—I am inclined to favor of the schedule as in the bill.

Senator McCandless—The present system is nothing but a scheme to make the rich man richer and a poor man poorer. If a man is fortunate enough to control three-quarters of the industry of the country, he certainly should be willing to pay in proportion.

Upon being put to vote the amendment of Senator McCandless carried.

Senator Brown—As the substitute section now stands it is not worth the paper it is written on.

Senator McCandless move for a reconsideration of the substitute section, in order to correct some irregularities noticed after the passage of the same. Carried.

Minister Damon—According to the amendment a man must pay \$50 for the first \$20,000. Past that limit it is a matter of progression.

Senator Waterhouse—Instead of making an increase there will be a great decrease.

Minister Damon—I think the bill as it stands is the safest one.

Senator McCandless—I move to defer the amendment. I am not a lawyer, but I can figure a little. We will fix up this section to meet the objection of Senator Brown.

Under the head of "Application for License," referring to a person desirous of obtaining a license: "If the application is in the name of a corporation or firm or 'store name,' such name, as well as that of the applicant in person, shall appear in the heading, and only an officer of a corporation and a member or other person authorized or empowered by letter to sign or swear to an application." Senator Brown said that this would do away with any doubt as to people authorized to do business for various houses.

Senator Brown also moved to strike out lines 13, 14 and 15 as unnecessary to the sense of the section.

Section passed as amended.

Under the head of "Prohibited Articles" Senator Waterhouse moved to strike out "bar tobacco, cigars or cigarettes."

Minister Damon—I would be very sorry to see the license taken off tobacco. This is one of the principal sources of the revenue of the Government.

Upon being put to vote the section was deferred to be brought up with another, especially providing for tobacco.

Under the head of "Milk" the annual fee for a license to carry on the business of dairying or selling milk was, by amendment, made applicable to the district of Wailuku, as well as Hilo and Honolulu.

Senator Hocking—The town of Wailuku is going backward instead of forward. It cannot afford to pay a license for milk.

Senator Brown—I do not think it is fair to shove everything on Honolulu. Under the same head people keeping cows for private use will have the privilege of keeping just exactly two at any one time. The amendment to this effect was made by Minister Damon.

The two sections under the head of "Peddling" were stricken out.

Under the head of fee for "Public Show" Senator McCandless said that the license should not be made too high. The old theatre was in process of reconstruction, and it would be sought to bring shows to Honolulu for the amusement and pleasure of the people. A high license would be discouraging. Moved that the license be made \$5.

Minister Damon expressed himself as being very much in favor of the motion made by Senator McCandless.

Section passed as amended.

The license for selling salmon was reduced from \$20 to \$10.

Under "Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes" Minister Damon moved that the license fee be made \$25 and that everybody be treated alike. This was a new departure and the Government would realize quite a large revenue from it.

Senator Brown—I move to amend the section, making the fee \$25 for Honolulu and \$10 for all other places on the islands. Carried as amended.

At 11:45 the Senate took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

House of Representatives.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Waiman.

Roll-call by the Secretary showed there was not a quorum, and Speaker Naone requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to look around the lobbies and find the absent members. In the meantime Luther Wilcox and Judge Kalua discussed Maui politics, and the members rolled their thumbs. Twice Mr. Tucker, Sergeant-at-Arms, returned with the information that the absentees would "be here in a minute." But the minute that he longed for didn't come for half an hour.

The arrival of Rep. Robertson enabled Clerk Keole to start the ball rolling by reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

Rep. Robertson for the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

"Mr. D. L. Naone, President House of Representatives—Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 17, an Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 57 of the laws of 1892, entitled, 'An Act to reorganize the Judiciary Department,' beg leave to report as follows:

"The purpose of the Act is to provide for the hearing of cases in the Supreme Court when two of the Justices are absent or disqualified. The law as it now stands provides for the filling of only one vacancy. As cases have arisen and may again arise where two Justices are unable to sit, it is advisable to make the proposed amendment. We recommend that the bill pass."

A. G. M. ROBERTSON,
S. K. KAPO."

Report laid on the table, to be considered with the bill.

As special order of the day, Senate Bill No. 1, "Salaries and Pay-rolls," was the next to be taken up, but Mr. Naone said the absence of all members of the Cabinet to represent the Government prevented the House from taking up the bill.

Rep. Pali moved that some other measure be taken up.

Rep. Robertson moved that consideration of the Appropriation bill be postponed until Friday. Carried.

On motion the consideration of Bill No. 17 was renewed.

Rep. Robertson moved that in the thirteenth line the word "Justice" be inserted after the word "Justices." Carried.

Rep. Hanuma moved that the bill be typewritten and read for the third time on Saturday. Carried.

Rep. Kamaooha asked that the rules be suspended, so he might read a petition. The member's constituents wanted an appropriation of \$2,000 for roads in his district.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Rep. Richards, under suspension of rules, presented three petitions from residents of Hamakua complaining that \$1,250 is not sufficient to keep the roads in repair, and ask that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Rep. Kamaooha presented a petition from the island of Hawaii containing sundry and divers whereas and containing several objections to the Appropriation bill for public improvements and asked they may be enlarged.

Minister Smith moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Finance. There were several items included in the Loan bill which had not been presented. Carried.

Rep. Winston, for Committee on Commerce, reported the following:

"Hon. D. L. Naone, Speaker House of Representatives—Your committee, to whom was referred Bill No. 19, entitled 'An Act to permit the importation of kerosene oil for fuel and mechanical purposes,' have had the same under careful consideration and beg leave to recommend the following change:

"Section 1. Line 3, after the words 'test,' insert 'and to use the same.' In line 4, after the word 'purposes,' insert 'in some lawful business or industry in any part of the Republic, except within the limits of the city of Honolulu.'"

"Section 2. Line 4, after the words

'this Act' insert 'within the limits of the city of Honolulu, nor.' In the same line strike out the letter 's' in 'purposes.' Insert a new section, to be numbered 3, to read as follows: 'The city of Honolulu, for the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed to be included within a circuit of three miles from the junction of King and Nuuanu streets.'

"The remaining sections to be renumbered 4, 5, 6, 7, respectively."

"Section 6. Line 2, after the words 'this Act,' strike out the remainder of the line and the first of four words in line 3, and insert 'without a license, or in contravention with the terms of this license.'"

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. WINSTON,
J. C. CLUNEY,
L. K. HALALANI."

Mr. Smith objected to wording and suggested a change, which Rep. Robertson said were "six in one and half a dozen of another."

Rep. Richards wanted to know why Honolulu was excepted in the bill.

Rep. Winston—The bill is introduced for use of people outside the city, who wish to use kerosene oil for fuel in canning pineapples.

Rep. Robertson gave a history of the bill introduced by him in the House last session, and of its death in the Senate at the hands of insurance men who were afraid the oil would be used by irresponsible persons and result disastrously. The bill was for the Ewa pineapple canners, and incidentally it might help other and still smaller industries. He thought the changes recommended by the committee would overcome the objections raised by the underwriters.

Minister Smith recommended the following amendment as a substitute to the one offered: "In some lawful business or industry to be designated in the license, provided, however, that no such license shall be granted for the use of such oil for such purposes within the limits of the city of Honolulu."

Rep. Rycroft thought the bill had a broader meaning at the last session; it was intended for use in stoves in private families. It seems a foregone conclusion that this is a dangerous bill. I don't think it is. A few years ago a law was passed that all oil be tested, but oil is burned in lamps now which tests less than 100 degrees. In California this oil is extensively used for fuel in stoves, and I believe it less dangerous than a wood stove. When a person is through cooking they turn off the light as they do gas or electricity. Time will overcome the objections to kerosene as it had to rapid transit. If the bill is to be any use in this country it should be amended so as to use the oil in oil stoves. It is not well to sell oil of this test for lamps, and if it could be colored there would be no danger of mistakes being made.

Minister Smith—The trouble with such a bill is that oil of this test and cheapness would be used for illuminating purposes. When the law requiring a test for kerosene oil was made about 20,000 cases of oil were rejected. There had been many fires from the use of kerosene and lives were lost through those fires.

Rep. Winston—Was the oil of 100 degrees rejected?

Minister Smith—Under that. Some of it went to 80 degrees. In order to protect citizens I think the name of the business should be inserted in the license.

Section passed as amended.

Section 2, requiring bonds of \$1,000 for the strict use of the oil within the provisions of the bill. Committee recommended certain changes in the restrictive points in the sections, providing that it shall not be used within the limits of Honolulu. Minister Smith moved that "any other purpose than that named in the license" be inserted after the word "for." Carried.

Section 4, providing for penalty to be inflicted on persons using this character of fuel without a license, passed.

Bill as amended passed second reading and was set for third reading on Saturday.

Adjourned.

MORTUARY REPORT.

The total number of deaths reported for the month of March, 1896, was 65, distributed as follows:

Under 1 year.....	9	From 30 to 40.....	7
From 1 to 5.....	2	From 40 to 50.....	5
From 5 to 10.....	2	From 50 to 60.....	2
From 10 to 20.....	2	From 60 to 70.....	4
From 20 to 30.....	2	Over 70.....	0

Males.....	36	Females.....	29
Hawaiians.....	38	Great Britain.....	2
Chinese.....	7	United States.....	2
Portuguese.....	10	Other nationalities.....	1
Japanese.....	5		

Total.....	65
Unattended.....	15
Non-Residents.....	1

March, 1892.....	48	March, 1895.....	45
March, 1893.....	51	March, 1896.....	65
March, 1894.....	45		

Accident.....	1	Inflammation of	1
Beriberi.....	1	Brain.....	1
Brouchitis.....	3	Infantile.....	1
Bright's Disease.....	1	Meningitis.....	1
Convulsions.....	1	Measles.....	2
Consumption.....	5	Noma.....	1
Cancer.....	1	Obstruction of	1
Childbirth.....	1	bowels.....	1
Congest'n of lungs.....	1	Old age.....	2
Diarrhea.....	1	Pneumonia.....	5
Dysentery.....	1	Paralysis.....	3
Debility.....	2	Peritonitis.....	1
Dropsy.....	1	Erysipelas.....	1
Eng'f-ma.....	1	Solea.....	1
Fever.....	5	Tonellitis.....	1
Heart disease.....	2	Unknown.....	1
Hemorrhage.....	1	Whooping Cough.....	10

Wards.....	1	2	3	4	5	Out-
Deaths.....	12	15	12	14	8	0

Annual death rate per 1000 for month 27.85	
Hawaiians.....	15.16
Asiatics.....	15.16
All other nationalities.....	22.50

C. B. REYNOLDS, Agent Board of Health.	
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